

Saint Joseph

Spouse of the Blessed Virgin
Patron of the Universal Church



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PRAYERS
IN HONOR OF
SAINT JOSEPH

PRIEST: In the name of the Father, and
of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen.

Let us praise our God in the veneration
of Blessed Joseph, our protector.

Roman Breviary, Solemnity St. Joseph, Mat.

PEOPLE: O Saint Joseph, | foster-father of
our Lord Jesus Christ and true spouse of
Mary the Virgin, | pray for us.

Raccolta No. 422—300 days Ind.

Litany of Saint Joseph

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy, Christ hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of Heaven,

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

God the Holy Ghost,

Holy Trinity, one God,

Have Mercy on Us.

Holy Mary,
Saint Joseph,
Renowned offspring of David,
Light of Patriarchs,
Spouse of the Mother of God,
Chaste Guardian of the Virgin,
Foster-father of the Son of God,
Diligent protector of Christ,
Head of the Holy Family,
Joseph most just,
Joseph most chaste,
Joseph most prudent,
Joseph most strong,
Joseph most obedient,
Joseph most faithful,
Mirror of patience,
Lover of poverty,
Model of artisans,
Glory of home life,
Guardian of virgins,
Pillar of families,
Solace of the wretched,
Hope of the sick,
Patron of the dying,
Terror of demons,
Protector of holy Church,

Pray for us

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins
of the world, *spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins
of the world, *graciously hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins
of the world, *have mercy on us.*

He made him Lord of His house:
And ruler of all His substance.

LET US PRAY

PRIEST *and* PEOPLE: O God, | Who in
Thine unspeakable providence | didst
vouchsafe to choose blessed Joseph | to
be the spouse of Thine own most holy
Mother: | grant, we beseech Thee, | that
we may deserve to have him for our inter-
cessor in heaven | whom we reverence
as our defender on earth: | Who livest and
reignest world without end. | Amen.

Raccolta No. 424—5 years Ind.

Dear Guardian of Mary

O blessed St. Joseph, how great was thy
worth,

The one chosen shadow of God upon
earth,

The father of Jesus—ah! when wilt thou be,
Sweet spouse of our Lady, a father to
me?

For thou to the pilgrim art father and
guide,

And Jesus and Mary felt safe at thy
side.

O blessed St. Joseph, how safe should I be,
Sweet spouse of our Lady, if thou wert
with me.

Dear Guardian of Mary, dear nurse of her
Child,

Life's ways are full weary, the desert is
wild;

Bleak sands are all round us, no home can
we see;

Sweet spouse of our Lady, we lean upon
thee!

PRIEST: The just one shall spring forth
as a lily,

PEOPLE: *And flower forever before the
Lord.*

Roman Breviary, St. Joseph—Mat.

PRIEST and PEOPLE: Glorious Saint
Joseph, | pattern of all who are devoted to
toil, | obtain for me the grace to toil in the
spirit of penance, | in order thereby to
atone for my many sins; | to toil conscientiously,
| putting devotion to duty before
my own inclinations; | to labor with thankfulness
and joy, | deeming it an honor to
employ and to develop, | by my labor, |
the gifts I have received from Almighty
God; | to work with order, peace, moderation
and patience, | without ever shrinking
from weariness and difficulties; | to work, |
above all, | with a pure intention and with
detachment from self, | having always
before my eyes the hour of death | and
the accounting which I must then render |
of time ill-spent, of talents unemployed, |
of good undone, | and of my empty pride
in success, | which is fatal to the work of

God. | All for Jesus, | all through Mary, |
all in imitation of thee, | O Patriarch
Joseph! | This shall be my motto in life
and in death. | Amen.

Raccolta No. 440—500 days Ind.

PRIEST and PEOPLE: Be mindful of us,
O blessed Joseph, | and intercede for us
with thy foster-Son | by the pleading of
thy prayer; | do thou, | in like manner, |
render the blessed Virgin Mary, | thy
Spouse, | gracious unto us, | for she is
the Mother of Him, | Who with the Father
and the Holy Ghost, | liveth and reigneth
world without end. | Amen.

Raccolta No. 437—3 years Ind.

Prayer (Cardinal Vaughan)

PRIEST and PEOPLE: O glorious Saint
Joseph, faithful follower of Jesus Christ, |
to thee do we raise our hearts and hands |
to implore thy powerful intercession | in
obtaining from the benign Heart of Jesus |
all the helps and graces necessary for our
spiritual and temporal welfare, | particu-

larly the grace of a happy death | and the
special favor we now implore. | (*Here
mention your intention*)

O Guardian of the Word Incarnate, |
we feel animated with confidence | that
thy prayers in our behalf | will be gra-
ciously heard before the throne of God.

PRIEST: O glorious Saint Joseph, through
the love which thou didst bear to Jesus
Christ and for the glory of His Name,

PEOPLE: *Hear our prayers and obtain
our petitions.*

PRIEST: Let us pray: O glorious Saint
Joseph, Spouse of the Immaculate Virgin,
obtain for us a pure, humble and charit-
able mind, and perfect resignation to the
divine Will. Be our guide, father and
model through life, that we may merit to
die as thou didst, in the arms of Jesus and
Mary.

PEOPLE: *Amen.*

PRIEST: Saint Joseph,

PEOPLE: *Pray for us.*

The following prayer may be said at this point, or after the hymn "O SALUTARIS"—either by the priest alone, or by the congregation, observing the stops.

O adorable and eternal God, | Whose infinite love for man | gave us Thy only-begotten Son clothed in the garment of flesh, | behold us, Thy adopted children | as we kneel in adoration before that same divine Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Through Thy boundless mercy | Thou hast given Him to us | as our Mediator | that we, | who by sin are unworthy to come before Thee, | may through His infinite merits | be made one of the flock | which He won for Himself | at the price of His own blood.

Deign to grant to us then, | we beseech Thee, | that inspired by the example of singular virtue | shown us in the life of Thy saint, our blessed Joseph, | we may be led through his intercession | to an imitation of those same virtues, | that by them our lives may give honor and glory to Thee, | Who with the Son and the Holy Spirit, | in the unity of the one God-head, | livest and reignest forever. | Amen.

Saint Joseph, Our Holy Patron

Holy Patron, thee saluting,

Here we meet with hearts sincere,

Blest Saint Joseph, all uniting

Call on thee to hear our prayer.

Chorus

Happy Saint, in bliss adoring

Jesus, Saviour of mankind,

Hear thy children thee imploring,

May we thy protection find.

May our fervent prayers ascending

Move thee for our souls to plead,

May thy smile of peace descending,

Benedictions on us shed. —Chorus.

Through this life, oh, watch around us,

Fill with love our every breath;

And when parting fears surround us,

Guide us through the foils of death.

—Chorus.

DISCOURSE

Benediction of The Most Blessed Sacrament



O SALUTARIS Hostia,
 Quae coeli pandis ostium:
 Bella premunt hostilia:
 Da robur, fer auxilium.
 Uni trinoque Domino,
 Sit sempiterna gloria;
 Qui vitam sine termino,
 Nobis donet in patria.

O Saving Victim! Opening wide
 The gates of Heaven to
 man below!
 Our foes press on from
 every side;
 Thine aid supply; Thy
 strength bestow.
 To Thy great Name be
 endless praise,
 Immortal Godhead! One
 in Three!
 O grant us endless
 length of days,
 In our true native land
 with Thee!

Prayer which appears before Hymn—"ST. JOSEPH, OUR HOLY PATRON" may be said here if preferred.

TANTUM ERGO

PEOPLE: 1.

Tantum ergo sacramentum
Veneremur Cernui,
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui;
Praestet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.

PEOPLE: 2.

Genitori, Genitoque
Laus et jubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio.

Amen.

PRIEST: Panem de coelo
praestitisti eis.

PEOPLE: Omne delectamentum in se habentum.

PRIEST: Oremus.

Deus qui nobis sub sacramento mirabili passionis tuae memoriam reliquisti: tribue quaesumus ita nos corporis et sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari, ut redemptionis tuae fructum in nobis jugiter sentiamus. Qui vivis et regnas in saecula saeculorum.

PEOPLE: Amen.

TANTUM ERGO

Down in adoration falling, Lo! the Sacred Host we hail. Lo! o'er ancient forms departing, newer rites of grace prevail; faith for all defects supplying, where the feeble senses fail.

To the everlasting Father and the Son Who reigns on high. with the Holy Ghost proceeding forth from each eternally, be salvation, honor, blessing, might and endless majesty. Amen.

V. Thou didst give them bread from heaven.

R. Containing in itself all sweetness.

PRIEST: Let us pray.

O God, Who in this wonderful Sacrament has left a memorial of Thy Passion: grant us, we besech Thee, so to reverence the sacred mysteries of Thy Body and Blood, that we may continually feel in our souls the fruit of Thy Redemption. Who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.

PEOPLE: Amen.

Divine Praises

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and
true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacra-
ment of the Altar.

Blessed be the great Mother of God,
Mary most Holy.

Blessed be her Holy and Immaculate
Conception.

Blessed be the Name of Mary, Virgin and
Mother.

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste
spouse.

Blessed be God, in His Angels and in His
Saints.

May the heart of Jesus, | in the Most
Blessed Sacrament, | be praised, adored,
and loved | with grateful affection, | at
every moment, | in all the tabernacles of
the world, | even to the end of time. |
Amen.

LAUDATE

Laudate Dominum
omnes gentes:

Laudate eum, omnes
populi.

Quoniam confirmata
est super nos miseri-
cordia ejus: et veritas
Domini manet in
aeternum.

Gloria Patri et Filio—
et Spiritui Sancto.

Sicut erat in principio
—et nunc, et semper
—et in saecula saeculo-
rum. Amen.

LAUDATE

O praise the Lord, all
ye nations: praise
Him all ye people.

For His mercy is con-
firmed upon us, and
the truth of the Lord
endureth forever.

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and
to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the be-
ginning, is now, and
ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

(All Stand)

Holy God, we praise Thy Name!

Lord of all, we bow before Thee!

All on earth Thy sceptre claim,

All in Heav'n above adore Thee:

(:Infinite Thy vast domain,

Everlasting is Thy reign.:)

Hark! the loud celestial hymn,

Angel choirs above are singing!

Cherubim and Seraphim,

In unceasing chorus praising;

(:Fill the Heav'ns with sweet accord,

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.:)

